

Palestinian Public Opinion Poll: Living Conditions among Gaza Palestinians amid Escalating Humanitarian Crisis

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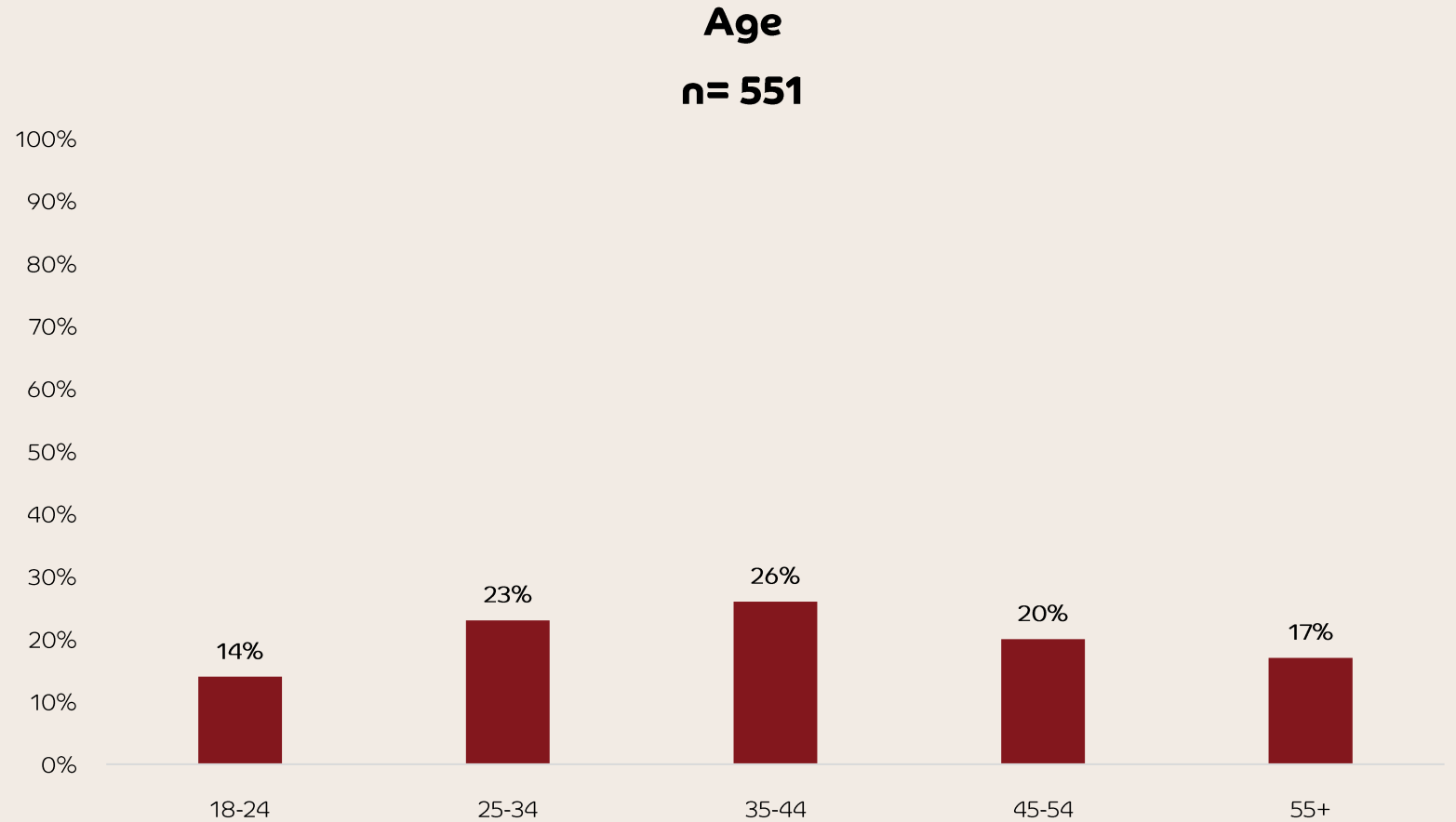
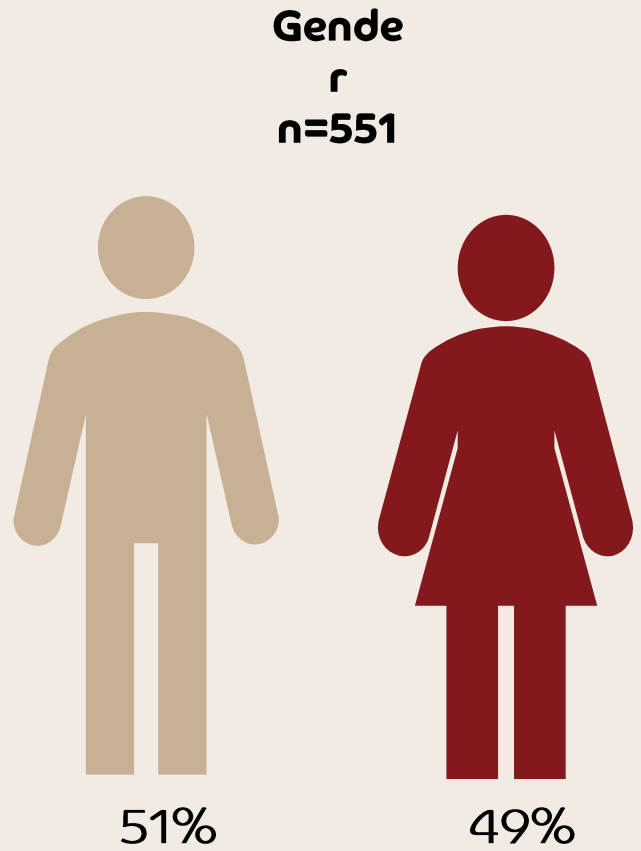
Gaza Strip

Methodology

- The Arab World for Research and Development (AWRAD) releases a new report capturing the voices of Gaza Palestinians who remain inside the besieged Strip. The data offers a stark and unfiltered portrait of widespread humanitarian suffering, internal displacement, psychological trauma, and shifting political aspirations amid one of the worst crises in Gaza's modern history.
- AWRAD conducted this public opinion survey between May 12 and 14, 2025, among Palestinians currently inside Gaza. At this time, a complete ban on humanitarian assistance has been in effect since March 2, while a more extensive military operation was ongoing. The same period witnessed the release of an Israeli-American citizen by Hamas. Simultaneously, US President Donald Trump was visiting Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.
- AWRAD conducted computer-assisted face-to-face interviews with a representative sample of 551 Palestinians in Gaza. The sampling design was developed to achieve a 95% confidence level with a $\pm 4\%$ margin of error.
- A two-step stratified sampling approach was employed. In the first step, the population was estimated at the Enumeration Area (EA) level. In the second step, each EA was further stratified by type of shelter—including buildings, makeshift shelters (both scattered and organized), and official shelters. This approach allowed AWRAD to account for significant demographic shifts caused by displacement during the ongoing conflict.
- The sampling frame was initially developed by AWRAD in December 2023 and has been routinely updated to reflect major population shifts. It is regularly cross-checked and validated against OCHA's Population Estimates for Gaza, most recently updated in February 2025. Fieldwork was conducted across all governorates except Rafah, and the final sample was weighted using age and education in line with official population distributions (see Annex 1: Sample Distribution).
- To ensure data reliability, AWRAD implemented rigorous field-level quality control (QC) and data quality assessment (DQA) procedures. Field supervisors directly observed 10% of interviews, and callback validations were conducted with 20% of the sample. Additional quality assurance measures included monitoring interview durations and evaluating the internal consistency of responses to key questions and demographic indicators.

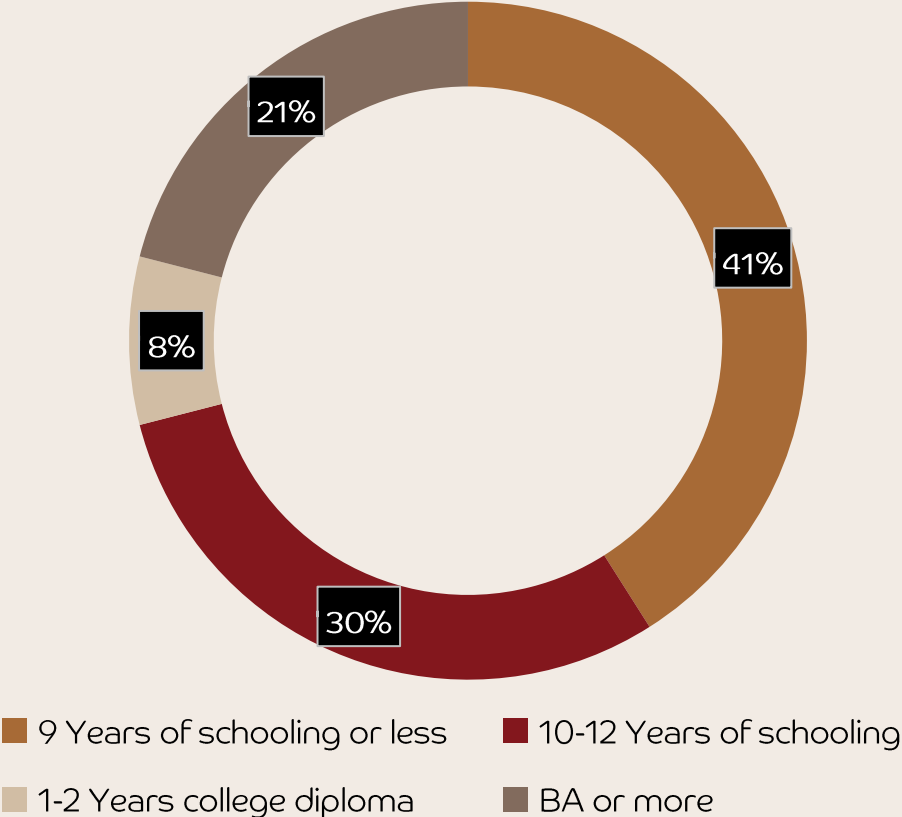
Section One: Sample Distribution

Distribution by Gender and Age



Distribution by Educational Attainment

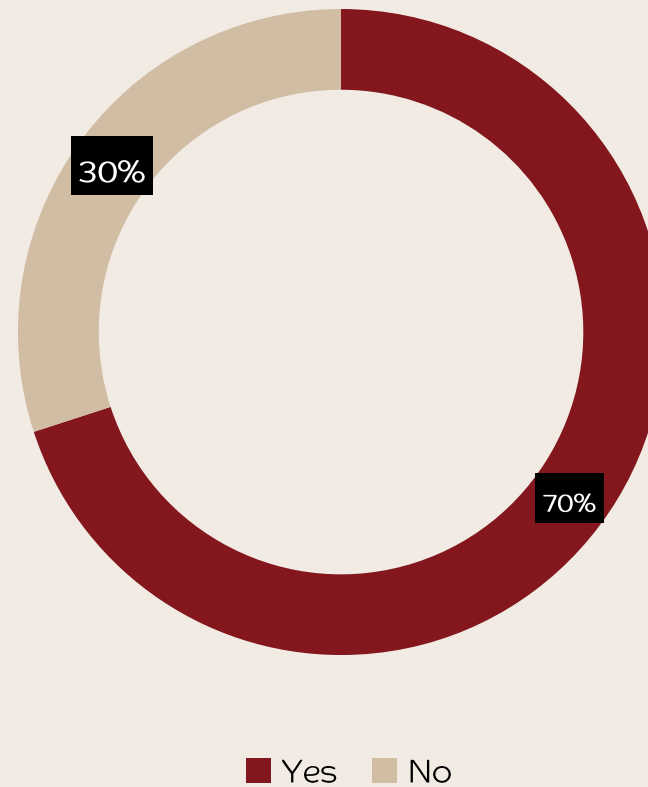
Educational Attainment



Section Two: Shelter and Displacement

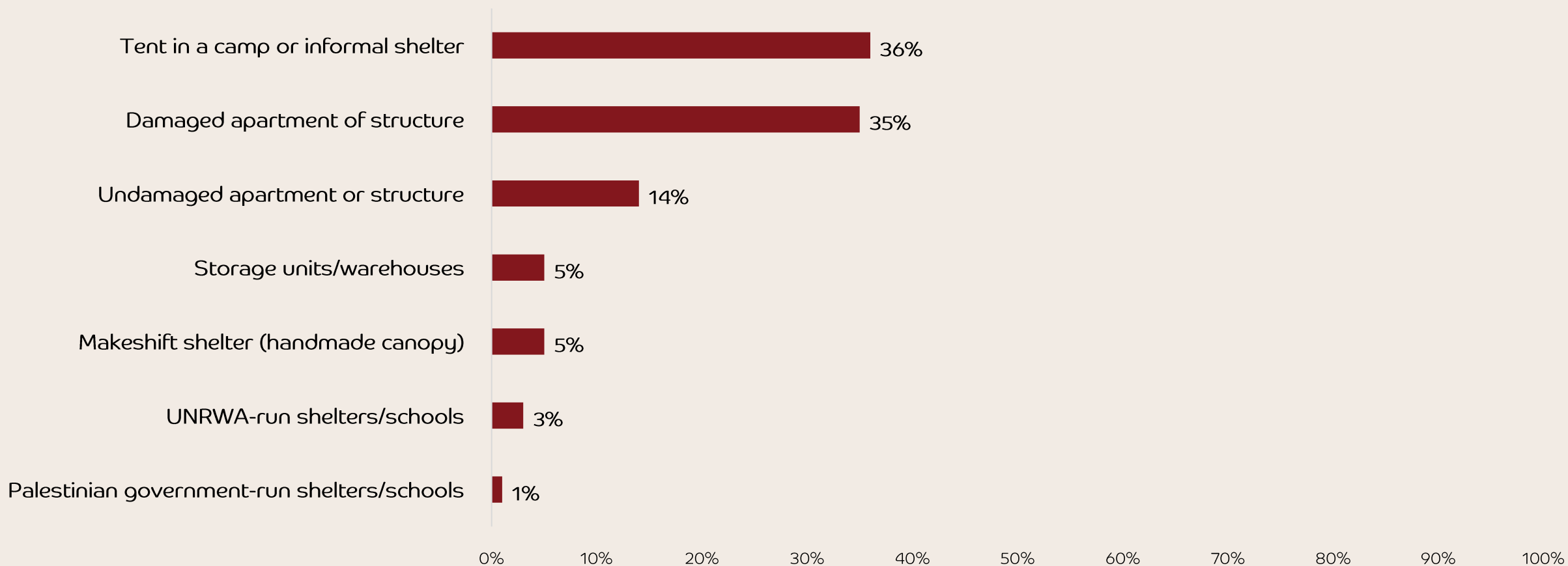
Displacement due to the War on Gaza

Are you currently displaced due to the recent Israeli aggression?



Type of Shelter

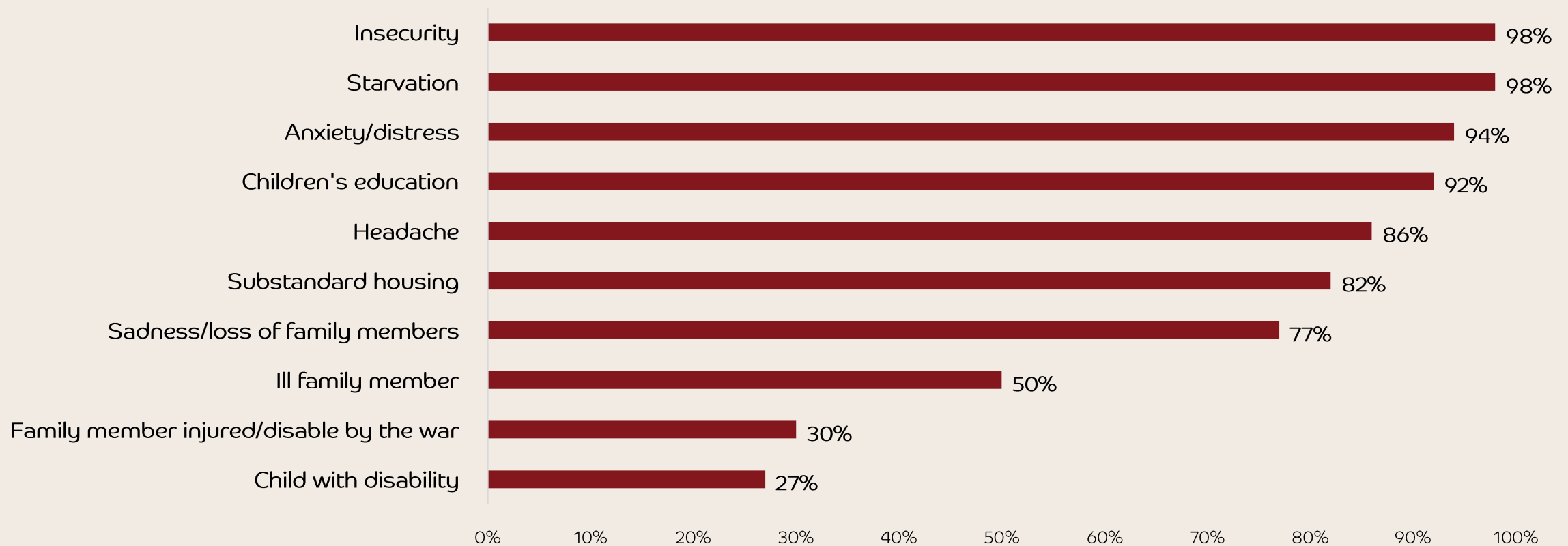
What type of shelter is your family currently living in?



Section Three: Livelihood and Priorities

Risks and Priorities of Gaza Palestinians

Considering your family's current living conditions in your place of residence, are you and your family facing any of the following?

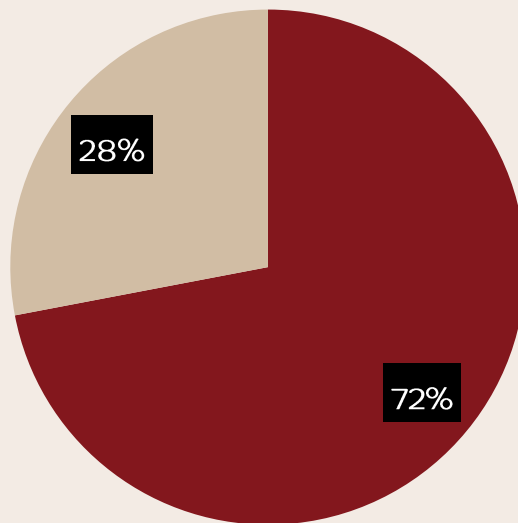


Section Three: Where do Palestinians in Gaza Want to B

Refugee Status and Right of Return

Are you a refugee (UNRWA registered refugee) due to the 1948 war?

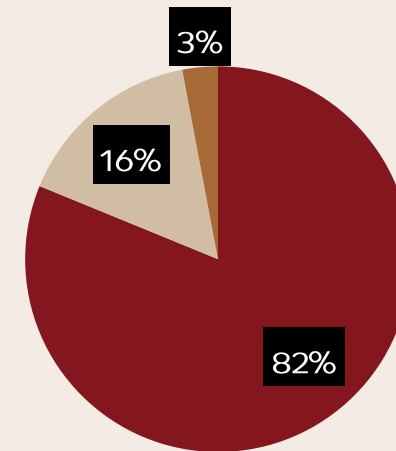
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■ Yes ■ No

If you are a refugee, if given a choice to return to, and live under normal conditions in, your place of origin in the 1948 proper, would you return?

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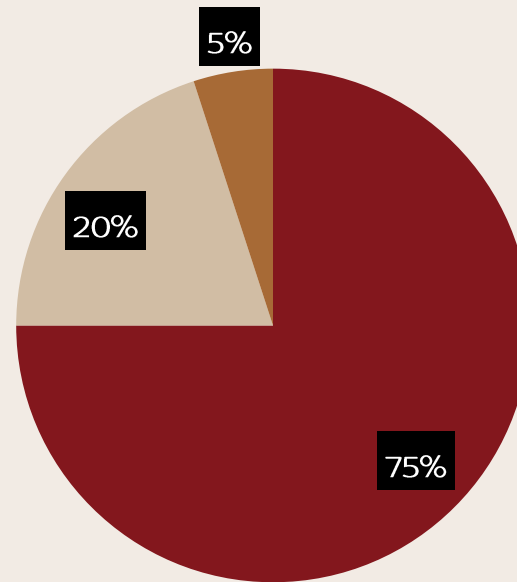


■ Yes ■ No ■ DK/NA

Return of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

Whether you are displaced or not, if the war ends and life returns to normal as it was before, do you plan to return to/stay in your place of residence in the Gaza

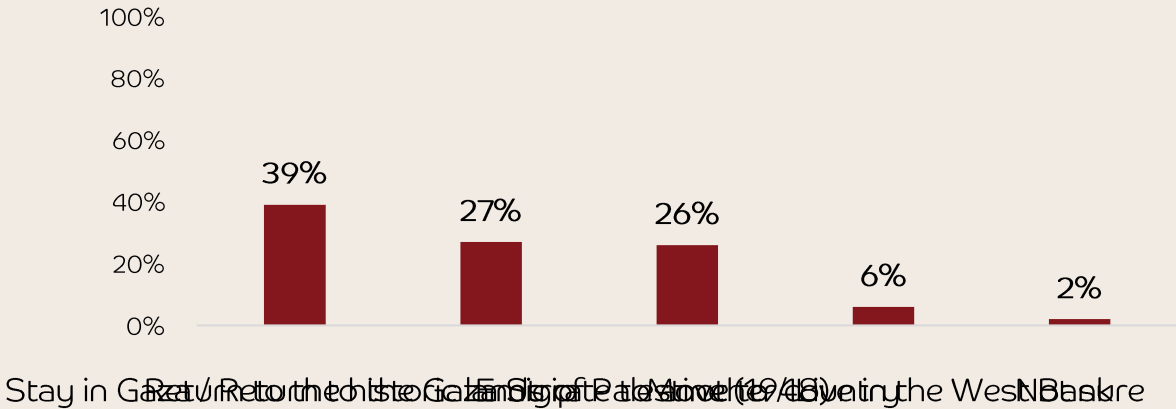
Strip?



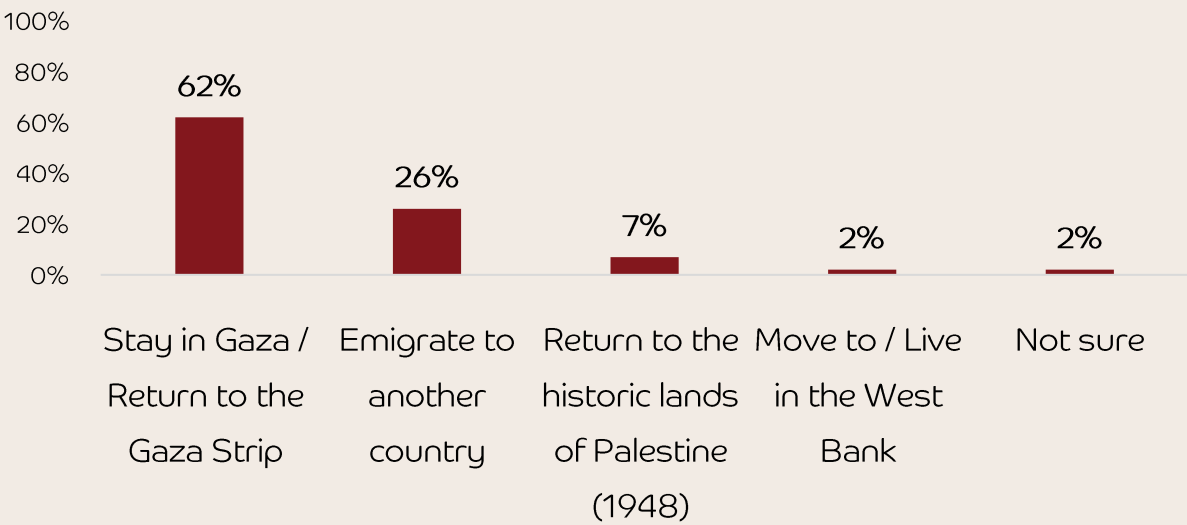
■ Yes ■ No ■ Not sure

Potential Political Scenarios

There are many proposed scenarios regarding the situation of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. If the war ends and life returns to normal, and you are given a real opportunity to choose, which of the following options would you choose?



Which of the above-mentioned options do you believe is the most feasible/applicable under the current circumstances?



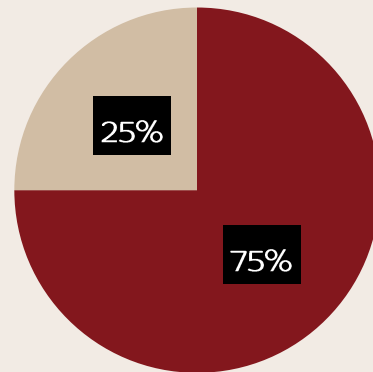
Section Four: President Donald Trump/ Hopes and Expectations

Support for the Release of Edan Alexander

Did you follow the news of the release of Edan Alexander, the Israeli/American captured by

Hamas?

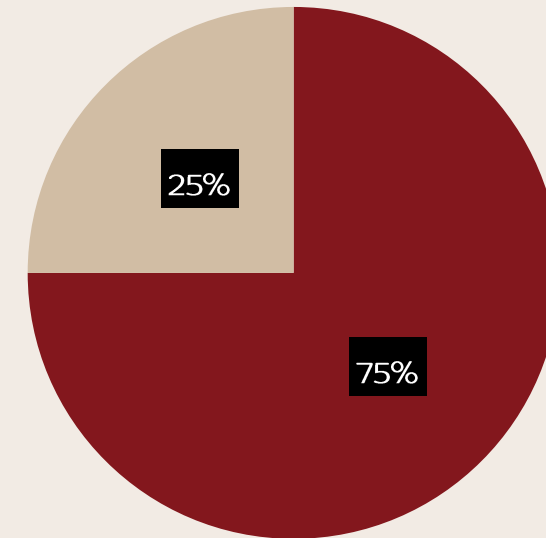
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■ Yes ■ No

If yes, do you support his release by Hamas?

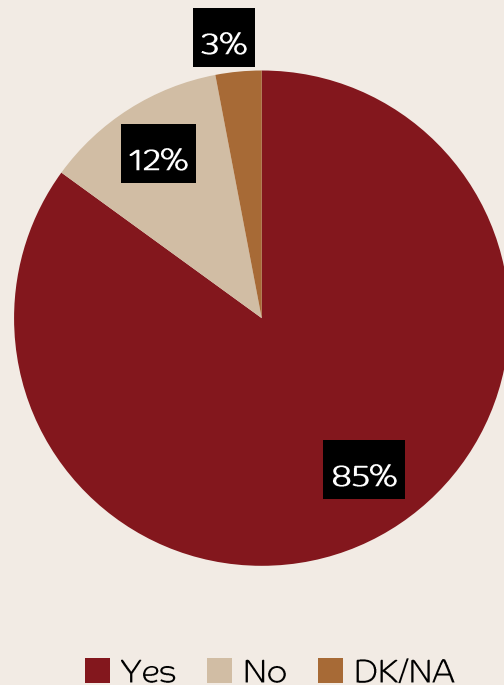
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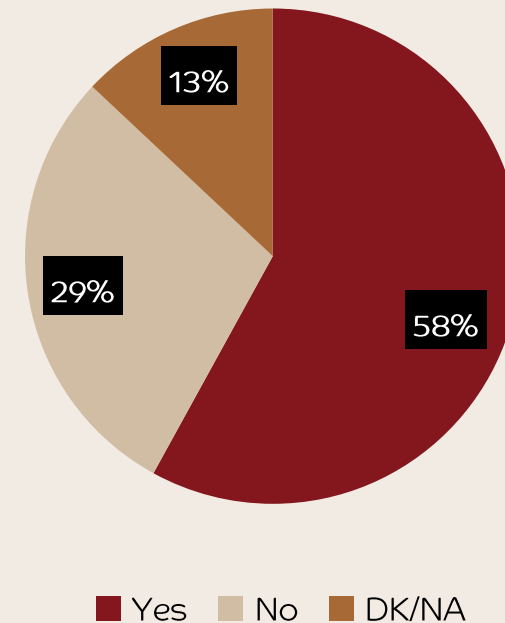
■ Yes ■ No

Expectations from President Trump

**Do you believe that Mr. Donald Trump –
the US President can stop the war in
Gaza?**



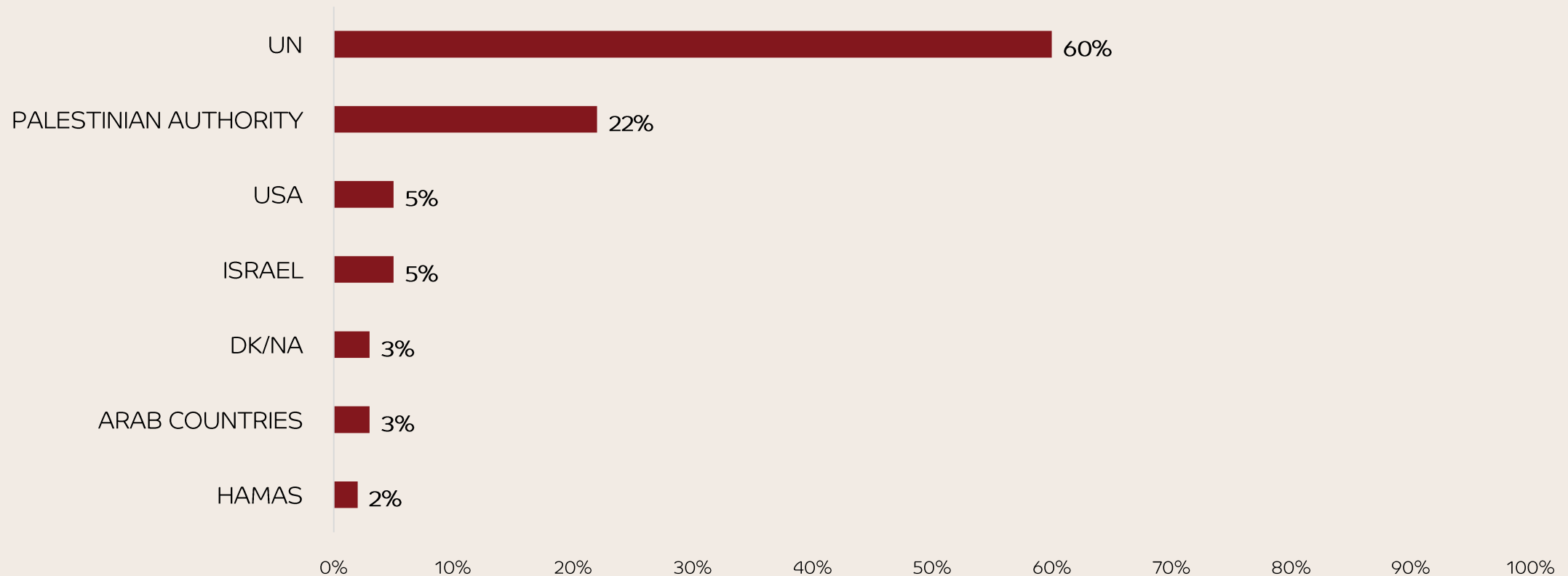
**Do you believe that Mr. Donald Trump
– the US President will actually stop
the war in Gaza?**



Section Six: Humanitarian Assistance and Governance

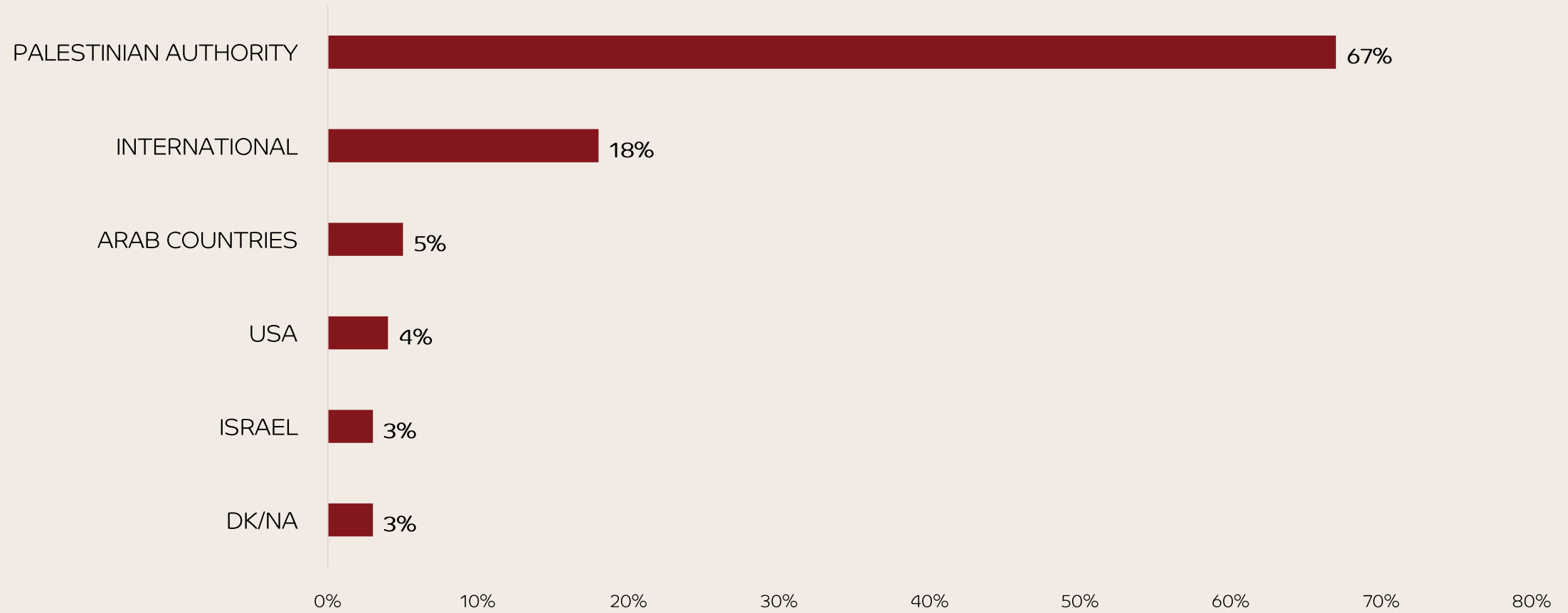
Trust in Humanitarian Aid Actors

Which of the following do you trust the most to manage humanitarian aid in Gaza Strip?



Governance Preferences

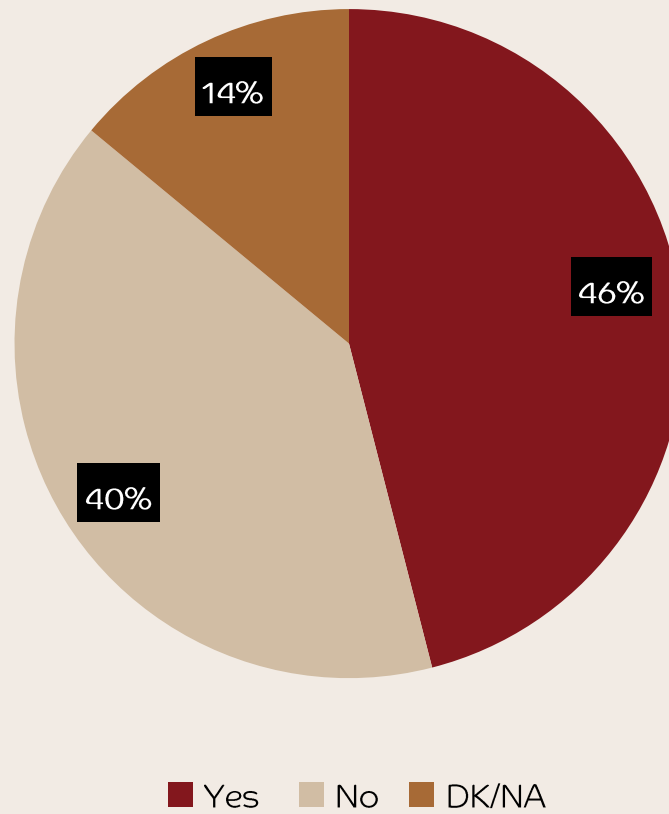
Which of the following do you trust the most to govern the Gaza Strip



Section Six: Appointment of Mr. Hussein Al Sheikh

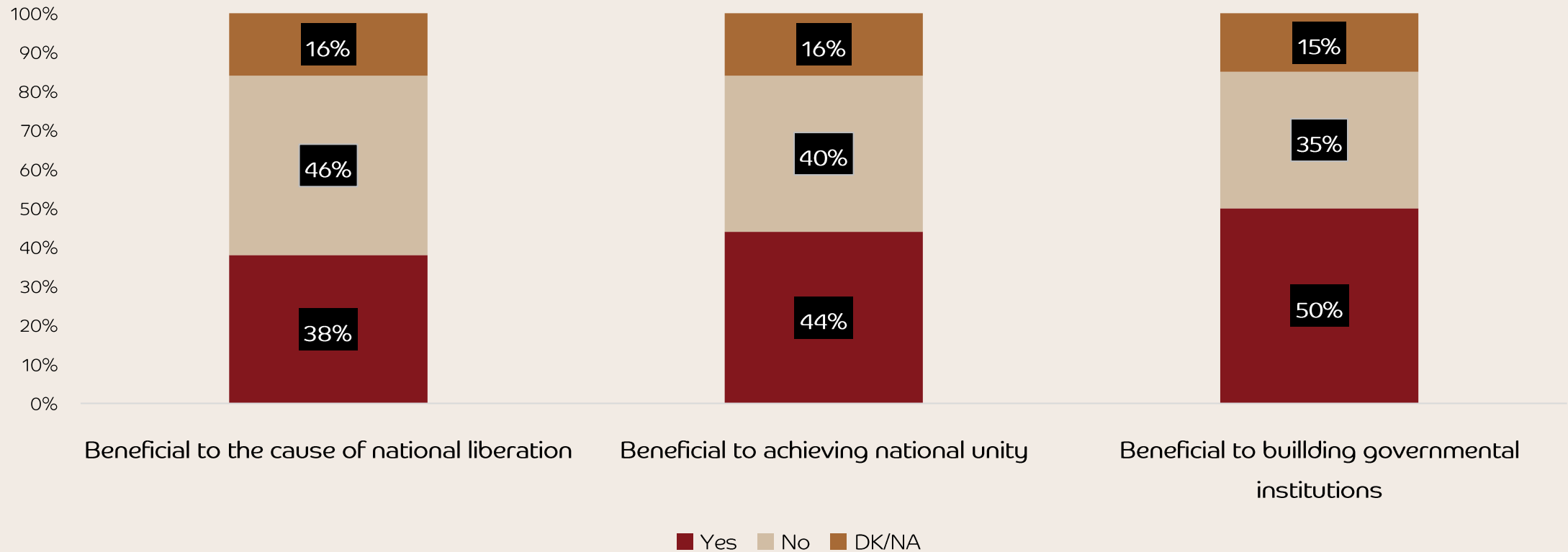
Views on the Appointment of Mr. Al Sheikh

Do you support this appointment?



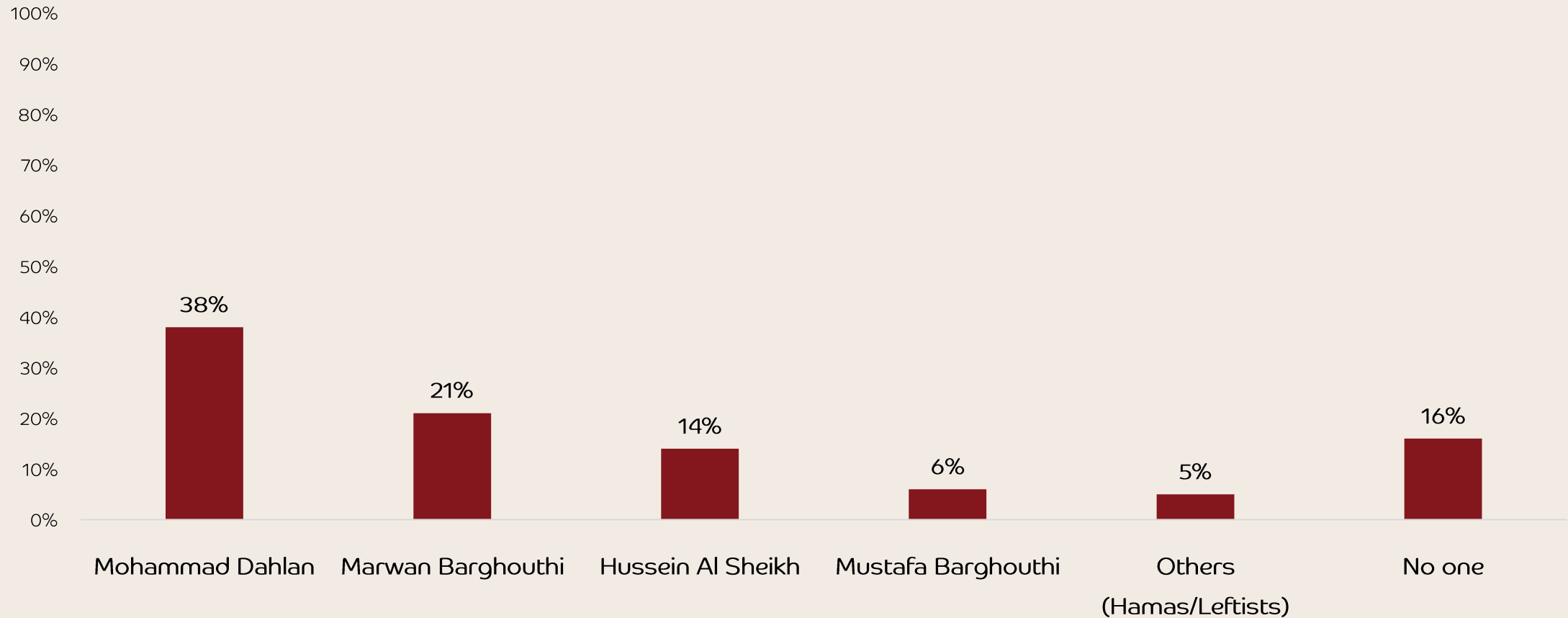
Views on the Appointment of Mr. Al Sheikh

Do you believe that the appointment of Mr. Al Sheikh would be beneficial to the achievement of the following?



Popularity of Presidential Candidates

Which of the following do you trust the most to govern the Gaza Strip





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